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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) at United Nations Headquarters on 7 May 1999 and its substantive session from 7 June to 2 July 1999. It held a total of 37 meetings and a number of informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the thirty-ninth session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, is reproduced in annex I below.

3. In adopting the agenda, the Committee, in accordance with the decision taken at its organizational session, decided to consider at its thirty-ninth session the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171), as well as the comments by the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/53/171/Add.1) and the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/670).

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 7 May and 7 and 8 June 1999, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation.

Chairman:

Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe (Cameroon)

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Vice-Chairmen:

Srta. Valeria Maria Gonzalez Posse (Argentina)
Mrs. Renata Archini de Giovanni (Italy)
Mr. Valeriu Tudor (Romania)

Rapporteur:

Mr. Juichi Takahara (Japan)

C. Attendance

5. The following States members of the Committee were represented:

Argentina
Austria
Bahamas
Benin
Brazil
Cameroon
China
Comoros
Egypt
France
Germany
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uruguay
Zambia
Zimbabwe

6. The Republic of the Congo was not represented at the thirty-ninth session of the Committee.

7. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Azerbaijan
Algeria
Armenia
Australia
Bangladesh
Belarus
Botswana
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Ecuador
Eritrea
Finland
Ghana
Guatemala
Guyana
India
Israel
Jamaica
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Morocco
New Zealand
Norway
Panama
Philippines
Saint Lucia

Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
United Republic of Tanzania

8. The following regional commissions and specialized agencies were represented:

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Regional Commissions New York Office
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

9. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Management, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, the Legal Counsel, the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, the Controller and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat. At the invitation of the Committee, Mr. John Fox, Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit, also participated in the work of the Committee.

D. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Committee at its thirty-ninth session is set out in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

11. At its 37th meeting, on 2 July 1999, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its thirty-ninth session (E/AC.51/1999/L.6 and Add.1–__).

Annex I

Agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
4. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme planning:
      (i) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997;
      (ii) Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;
      (iii) Medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001;
   (b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001;
   (c) Evaluation.
5. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;
   (b) Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development in Africa in the 1990s.
6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.
7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
8. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-ninth session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its thirty-ninth session

A/53/171	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system"
A/53/171/Add.1	Comments by the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on more coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system
A/53/670	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on more coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system
A/54/6 (in fascicle form)	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001
A/54/6 (Part one) (i)	Part one (i): Foreword and introduction
A/54/6 (Part one) (ii)	Part one (ii): Tables
A/54/6 (Part one) (annex)	Part one: Annex
A/54/6 (Sect. 1)	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination
A/54/6 (Sect. 2)	General Assembly affairs and conference services
A/54/6 (Sect. 3)	Political affairs
A/54/6 (Sect. 4)	Disarmament
A/54/6 (Sect. 5)	Peacekeeping operations and special missions
A/54/6 (Sect. 6)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/54/6 (Sect. 8)	Legal affairs
A/54/6 (Sect. 9)	Economic and Social Affairs
A/54/6 (Sect. 10)	Africa: New Agenda for Development
A/54/6 (Sect. 11A)	Trade and development
A/54/6 (Sect. 11B)	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO
A/54/6 (Sect. 12)	Environment
A/54/6 (Sect. 13)	Human settlements
A/54/6 (Sect. 14)	Crime prevention and criminal justice
A/54/6 (Sect. 15)	International drug control
A/54/6 (Sect. 16)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/54/6 (Sect. 17 and Corr.1)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/54/6 (Sect. 18)	Economic development in Europe
A/54/6 (Sect. 19)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

A/54/6 (Sect. 20 and Corr.1)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/54/6 (Sect. 21 and Corr.1)	Regular programme of technical cooperation
A/54/6 (Sect. 22)	Human rights
A/54/6 (Sect. 23)	Protection of and assistance to refugees
A/54/6 (Sect. 24 and Corr.1)	Palestine refugees
A/54/6 (Sect 25)	Humanitarian assistance
A/54/6 (Sect. 26 and Corr.1)	Public Information
A/54/6 (Sect. 27)	Administrative services: general overview
A/54/6 (Sect. 27A)	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management
A/54/6 (Sect. 27B)	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts Division
A/54/6 (Sect. 27C)	Office of Human Resources Management
A/54/6 (Sect. 27D)	Office of Central Support Services
A/54/6 (Sect. 27E)	Administration, Geneva
A/54/6 (Sect. 27F)	Administration, Vienna
A/54/6 (Sect. 27G)	Administration, Nairobi
A/54/6 (Sect. 28)	Internal oversight
A/54/6 (Sect. 29)	Jointly financed administrative activities
A/54/6 (Sect. 31)	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance
A/54/6 (Sect. 33)	Development account
A/54/67	Note by the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
A/54/89	Report of the Secretary-General on measures for sectoral, functional and regional bodies to review the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005
A/54/117	Report of the Secretary-General on ways in which the full implementation and the quality of mandated programmes and activities could be ensured and could be better assessed by and reported to Member States
A/54/125	Report of the Secretary-General on the revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation
E/1999/48	Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998
E/AC.51/1999/1 and Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and proposed programme of work

E/AC.51/1999/2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme
E/AC.51/1999/3 and Corr.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme
E/AC.51/1999/4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of the Department of Public Information
E/AC.51/1999/5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of peacekeeping operations: termination phase
E/AC.51/1999/6	Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
E/AC.51/1999/7	Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997
E/AC.51/1999/L.1/Rev.1 and Rev.2	Status of documentation for the thirty-ninth session
E/AC.51/1999/L.2/Rev.1	Programme of work for the thirty-ninth session
E/AC.51/1999/L.4	Note by the Secretariat on the current notional costs of documentation and utilization of interpretation services
E/AC.51/1999/L.5	Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for the fortieth session
E/AC.51/1999/L.6	Draft report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-ninth session
E/AC.51/1999/INF/1	List of delegations